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EDITORIAL

There's one thing for sure: being a UFO investigator certainly has its ups and downs! It can be dull routine, day after day; it can be filled with moments of depression, with unwarranted denigration and rudeness from the least expected people. But it can also generate a great deal of excitement and satisfaction for those involved. And at this moment in time we are having a terrifically interesting, very impressive sighting, right here in Zimbabwe.

It all started with an alleged 'meteor shower' which is discussed at length elsewhere in this magazine. And then came 'the other reports', like the children at Ariel School; the young boy and his mother who had a daylight sighting; the truck driver at night seeing 'people' approaching him: all within a few days of each other. It was great and all of those of us involved were on a decided high! We had no need for alcoholic drinks, nor drugs, nor any kind of stimulation; for right here on our doorstep was one of the most exciting UFO stories of the year: *UFOs had landed in Zimbabwe!*

The BBC (from Britain) were interested enough to want a documentary on the story; South African Television chartered a plane to come and film what was going on, and it was viewed by thousands on the programme AGENDA on Tuesday, 22nd November, 1994. Zimbabwe Television, a little slow off the mark, were there with their cameraman, Producer, and Presenter Jill Darke.

The only ones who remained in complete ignorance of what was going on were the daily newspapers; and why should they care if they were missing out on perhaps one of the biggest stories of the year?

And to add the cherry to the creamy top, Dr John Mack of Cambridge Hospital, the Medical School attached to Harvard University, USA, arrived in Harare on 28th November to investigate even further.

You can read all about it in this issue and really, isn't life great after all?

COMMENTARY ON ABDUCTIONS

When in Cape Town, South Africa (January 1995), Prier Wintle handed me a copy of Hilary Evans' critique of a recent book on abductions by Jim Schnabel.¹ I haven't read his book, so I can hardly comment on it; but what I want to comment on is Hilary's attitude, and that of other top ufologists, to this phenomenon.

As I have re-iterated many times in earlier AFRINEWS Editorials or Conclusions, in many cases I admire the detailed analyses, the attitude to the UFO situation, the fairness of many of the sceptics. I go along with a lot of what is being said, but certainly not all.

Hilary says, 'anyone who is interested in the borderline which separates fact from fantasy in psychical research ... should study this remarkable outbreak [abductions], which is currently in full spate.'

I presume that he is referring mainly to the USA where Budd Hopkins, Dr. John Mack, David Jacobs and several others, promote the abduction syndrome as a factual happening whilst in Britain (and most other countries) it is a very laid back occurrence. With abductions, there is hardly ever any physical evidence, and hypnosis, as I have felt for some time, is often tinged with other memories unwittingly dredged up by the person being hypnotised.

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DARK WHITE: ALIENS, ABDUCTIONS AND THE UFO OBSESSION by Jim Schnabel. Hamish Hamilton, London, 1994. £16.99. Reviewed by Hilary Evans in Journal of the Society for Psychical Research - Vol 60, N° 836, July 1994.

But if abductions are all fantasy, then how does one account for the scenarios, known only to investigators, from abductees far removed from the American scene? I have only had one fully reported abduction in this part of the world, where two women (a mother and her married daughter) were involved. We did not use hypnosis as we knew of no-one sufficiently qualified in this field to handle something like this; so all the events were described as recall came back to the two involved. As time went on, events were described months after the initial happening, sometimes verified by each other, but not so all the time. And yet the abduction pattern was there: (1) no recollection of actually being removed from the vehicle and only recalling being propelled aboard some type of craft.

That was the first similarity compared with other abduction reports. (2) A white mist appeared as they entered the craft (a decontamination process?); (3) the door closed behind them to reveal no opening. (4) There was mind reading and also conversation in a high-pitched, sing-song type of voice. (5) Experimentation with their bodies, (6) taking of skin samples, (7) familiar description of the aliens, (8) no fingernails, (9) no hair, (10) eye pupils changing from horizontal to vertical, (11) knowledge of the abductee's medical problems without being told. (12) Predictions of the future and (13) promising to return on a certain date and not appearing. There are many more such similarities.

How does one draw the line between fantasy and fact, especially when the knowledge imparted is totally new to the abductee as the interviewer has ascertained?

If this is fantasy, then from where does the imagery emanate?

And if it is some form of racial memory, isn't it worth a detailed study anyway?

UFO FLAP IN ZIMBABWE Case N° 95
Wednesday, 14th September, 1994.

Wednesday, 14th September, 1994 was an exciting night for southern Africa. Round about 20:50 to 21:05 hours, a pyrotechnic display of some magnificence appeared in the almost clear night skies of this part of the Continent.

The first sighting seems to have been made from Kempton Park, near Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg. Radio 702, the commercial radio programme in this area, was recording phone calls from people near to the Airport, but in actual fact, the lights in the sky were so brilliant and so clearly visible that sightings started pouring in from Botswana, Zambia (in the southern area) and Zimbabwe, covering a time period of approx. 10-12 minutes.

I was first aware that *something* was going on, when I heard what I thought was a loud explosion at 21:04 hours that night. I went outside immediately, but saw nothing, and a little later on, when my phone started ringing with excited reports from all over the country, I drove in my car with Maria Sullivan and my grand-daughter Ianthe, around the northern suburbs of Harare, to see if anything was happening. But all was quiet and orderly and even the dogs were not barking as furiously as they usually do. Later, I learned that it was a sonic boom as pieces of debris entered our atmosphere.

Shortly after arriving back home, I called the night editor of the local paper: had he had any reports and what did he think? He told me that there were dozens of calls coming in, but they had already resolved the problem.

It was a meteorite shower of some magnificence and of course, it was being seen from several countries.

I use the MUFON JOURNAL report, The Night Sky, given monthly in advance by Walter Webb, for reference and there was certainly no report of a spectacular meteorite shower in September. Still, UFO investigators are far lesser mortals than amateur astronomers, so I accepted what I was told! However, almost immediately afterwards and certainly for several days running, the reports continued to come in to me. And if meteorites they were, what strange and unconventional behaviour!

The general consensus of opinion was that the lights were preceded by a ball of fire which seemed to have a point to it, with a long tail of sparks. It was of a white or goldish colour and lit up brilliantly in the sky. Some people saw three huge lights at the front, with smaller lights behind; the count of the smaller lights varying from 8 - 20. Many reported that the objects were travelling very fast from North to South; others that it moved slowly, and one man actually walked along with it for more than a hundred metres.

There were definitely a great variety of reports - in fact, so varying that I have decided to pick out some of the more graphic from reliable witnesses and record them here. Mainly, because I feel that not all the reports referred to the same objects. And if there was more than one object involved, how do we account for the others? What disturbed me most was that if a report was made by an amateur astronomer, traffic controller, or newspaper reporter, it was many times more acceptable than if it was made by a private individual, however reliable and acceptable that person might be.

For instance, the identification of it being a meteorite shower was made by an amateur astronomer in Harare who said, 'It was the most spectacular shower of several I have seen.' At first, he said, he saw only single meteors but then it hotted up with at least two showers. Bigger chunks were breaking up and scattering their fragments.

Dr. Euan Nisbet, a Zimbabwean who is Professor of Geology at London University, was working in the Mberengwa area with his colleague Ms. Kathy Silva. They took bearings on the largest light (which he thought was a meteorite at the time) from their camp in Zvishavane. He said the largest light rose above the horizon due North of them and disappeared over the horizon about 20 degrees E of S. It was about 65° to 70° above the east horizon at the highest point of its path. From the bearings the two were able to plot a rough trajectory that showed the shower was moving along a path angled about 10° away from the north to south line. It took about a minute to cross the sky although it seemed longer. The event started a few minutes before 21:00 hours. The fireball of the large flame was about one-fifth the moon's diameter and the whole shower was contained in a band several moon diameters long and one to two moon diameters wide.

The two scientists thought the sonic boom was two to four minutes later (it was 21:04 on my watch in Harare). This would suggest the debris was at least 50 km high and could have been even higher. Dr. Nisbet saw the debris as white, turning orange as the path neared the horizon, while Ms. Silva saw definite shades of deep orange. They both said the light faded abruptly and this made them wonder if the meteors could have skipped out of the Earth's atmosphere. (This information appeared in THE HERALD, Harare, Zimbabwe, on the 17th Sept. 1994.)

By this time I had received dozens of calls and the stories made me re-think the meteor identification, particularly the calls from Lake Kariba, the largest man-made lake in southern Africa. This is situated in the NW corner of Zimbabwe, and apart from forming a series of wonderful holiday resorts for local people and tourists, it also provides a lucrative fishing industry, supplying fresh fish (fresh-water Bream and Kapenta - a small fish not unlike a sardine, which is sun-dried and an excellent source of protein for the people). There are many boats on Kariba, from small powered speedboats to large passenger pleasure craft. Many of the sightings were made from the decks of these.

One person, in charge of a radio nerve centre for most of the boats on Kariba, said that the Kapenta fishermen who operate at night, had seen a very bright light with two side lights, travelling slowly. There was no sound. The light was orangey-red with 'tails' trailing behind. The movement was to the S/SE.

The Warden-in-Charge at Matusadona National Park said the light was above the tree line, and he watched it for 2½ minutes. Steve Edwards, of Kariba Bream Farm, took a video of the light but it did not reveal its true identity even with this.

Alexander L saw the object from the Cutty Sark Hotel, at about 21:00 hours. Appearing over the horizon, he saw an object moving from North to South. There was a group of lights with orange streamers or tails behind them. There was a dark, almost black centre with about 14 lights flashing around it. It was the size of Alexander's thumbnail when held at arm's length and took more than a minute to pass over, travelling very fast. He could feel a definite vibration from the object.

Other people thought it was an aircraft on fire, flying very low as though about to crash! The lights were extremely bright and moved slowly, similar to the speed of a Boeing 747. These observers involved an aircraft pilot and the MD of a large Zimbabwean company.

A friend of mine, Jo Hensman, was on shore when she decided to go aboard the family sailing-boat. They had been having a barbecue on the beach alongside their boat, when Jo borrowed her husband's powerful torch (flashlight) to go aboard. It had a complicated mechanism for the on-off switch. As Jo moved towards the boat she could suddenly see this light in the sky; it looked like a small plane, but what shook her most of all was that it was coming directly towards her. She could feel the panic rising and realising that her flashlight was still on and that she couldn't switch it off quickly, she was sure that whatever it was, was attracted by the brilliant light in her hand.

Immediately, she hid it behind her back and watched with relief as the object turned away and, following the tree-line, went off along the lake shore. At this stage she could see it was enormous, several times bigger than a Boeing 747. She saw it lift over some hills, and she breathed a sigh of relief.

There were many reports of the object flying at tree-top level (which might have been an optical illusion). There were numerous reports of the lights 'moving slowly'.

An excellent observation was made by Rex Taylor of Kariba Yacht Safaris, from the deck of the Cutty Sark Hotel. Rex says, 'It appeared in the northern sky at about 20:15 (I am amazed at the discrepancy in times: either watches were not working properly which I find difficult to believe, or this bears out a theory of mine where UFOs [as in alien spacecraft] affect Time). At first it seemed like a rocket, but in seconds I could see it was not. The fiery tail emitting sparks and a faint trail, was accompanied by a row of green lights and a second, smaller rocket.

The green lights were in a regular pattern, almost like a series of windows lit from within. There was no noise. The object was travelling on an approximate heading of 195° (magnetic) - say 188° true. It was 20° East of the vertical. As the object hurtled South the larger burning 'rocket' burnt and flared as it disappeared into the distance. As it was almost overhead, its apparent size covered an arc of about 30° from 'nose to tail' and about $1/5$ of that from 'top to bottom'.

I made these measurements mentally at the time and checked out the heading the following morning with an accurate compass; I used my arm (600 mm) to estimate the 'size', fore and aft, 300 mm. It was impossible to guess at the altitude. There were two aviators in the group with me, and we concluded that because there was no noise, it had to be on the very edge of our atmosphere. This was borne out by the information we heard the following day that it had been seen as far south as Johannesburg.

I can only guess at its speed at the time of being seen. From the time I first saw it to the time it disappeared, it was about 15 seconds.

'Assuming it subtended an angle of 30° on the edge of the atmosphere, say at 88 000 ft, or 24 Km, then the object was 12 Km long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ Km wide. The mathematicians can calculate its speed. My calculation ran out of digits, so I'll say it was 'very fast'. It was by my approx. estimates over the latitude of 20° South (Masvingo). If anyone further South could estimate its angle above the horizon, or from the vertical, we could pinpoint its position and height.'

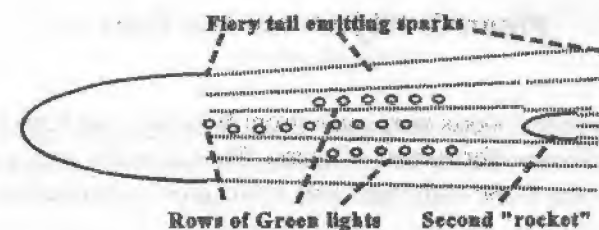


Figure 1: Object seen by Rex Taylor

At 21:10 in Hwange area, near Deka, seven people saw what looked like a slow-moving aeroplane, as big as a Boeing 747 Jumbo, with cabin lights. It was as low as the tree tops and seemed as though it was going to crash.

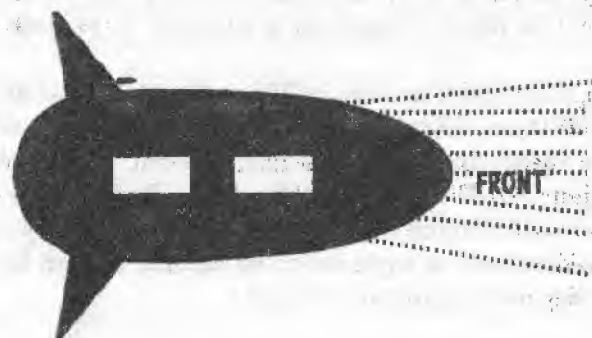


Figure 2: Object seen over Deka

All the following reports were made from Bulawayo and I am indebted to Vivienne Pascoe for several of these. She has really been a mine of information on these sightings, and I am most appreciative of her assistance.

Mr. P. Patel said it 'moved at the speed of an aeroplane'. He also commented that it was 'a white, candle colour', and that it was flying low. His observation was made at 20:55. Mr Patel of Suburbs, Bulawayo, saw this object from his balcony. There was one large object in front, moving at the speed of an aircraft. It was seen for approx. 60 seconds. It was followed by smaller objects which looked like a tail, or arrow. The large object was huge, bigger and brighter than those following. It looked round, and yet square at the same time. It was not too high and quite low.

At the same time (20:55), as some workers in Bulawayo witnessed the lights, the nose appeared to be dipping. There was cloud above it which seemed to be moving with the object.

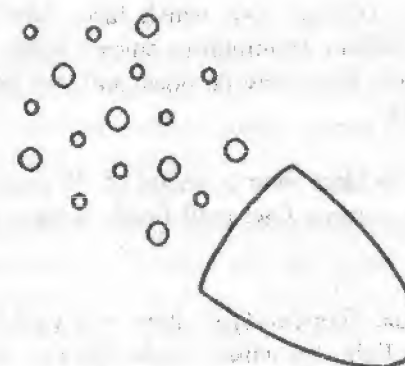


Figure 3: The object seen by Mr P. Patel and some workers

One minute later, at 20:56 hours, Wayne Morgan, Bulawayo, says: 'I was outside our house in Tegela when I saw something in flames in the sky to the east of the house. At first I thought it was a plane on fire but when it got nearer, it was too big and too low to be an aeroplane. There was *no sound* as it passed. It was large, with star-like objects following behind, and was moving very slowly. It disappeared from sight behind some high flats behind the house, moving from North to South.'

Brett Ding, said, 'It was not very high, and travelling fairly slowly and it was very bright.'

Samantha Peck said, 'This thing, whatever it was, was beautiful. It had a circular-shaped bright light as the leader, and behind it were tails of light in beautiful colours: green, orange and yellow. It moved slowly and looked as if it was just above the house. The amazing thing is that it moved absolutely silently.'

The most vivid and accurate description came from Vivienne Pascoe, a teacher, of Bulawayo: 'At 20:54 on the night of September 14th, 1994,

as I walked out of my cottage door which faces North, I saw an enormous object with flashing, shimmering, smeary lights, moving low in the night sky. It made absolutely no noise and was heading South towards the Matopo Hills.'

She viewed the whole incident over a period of 75 seconds, moving silently from the North, curving East until finally it turned South until out of sight.

'A faint outline of a basic Zeppelin-type shape was visible behind the very bright front golden light; the white, bright lights to the rear of the head golden light, at the very rear, were myriads of tiny lights, like satellites, which sparkled at intervals, of a red, green, blue and yellow mixture.

'At no time during this sighting did the object increase or decrease its speed, but moved steadily. It was low on the horizon, yet still distant. At no time did it appear to resemble any aircraft; its very size precluded it being an aeroplane, being approximately five or six times the size of a Jumbo jet.'

Laura Tolley of Bulawayo was driving home and stopped to watch the wonderful array of lights in the sky. At first she thought it was an aircraft on fire, about to crash. It was, she estimated, between 200-300 ft up. It looked like a nose-cone, with an orangey-red colour and little lights surrounding it. It was flying at tree-top height, in level flight, and then appeared to come down lower.

A report from F.C. Cloete of Fort Rixon, noted that the object was oval-shaped, travelling fairly slowly, about 50 metres up towards tree-top level. Then it rose higher. There were two large lights in front, like headlights.

A concise report was made by Lyn Dèvres and her husband. Their report, from Zvishavane, was that at 20:55 hours they saw the object

travelling in a SE direction. The sky was lit up by the object: a bluish light with streamers behind. These rear lights dimmed from a football size, to baseball, to golf-ball size. Their estimate of the height was about 3000 ft, moving North to South. It took about 60 seconds to pass over and there was no sound.

Mrs I. Bawden wrote from Shangani to say that two of their workers, Hundu Moyo and Eva Sibanda, saw the object pass over their houses. Both noted red and yellow lights flashing on and off. It was very big and they were terrified. It was also very low.

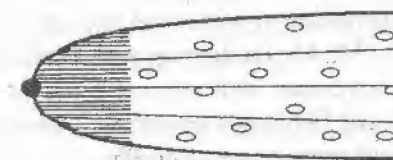


Figure 4: Object as described by Eva Sibanda

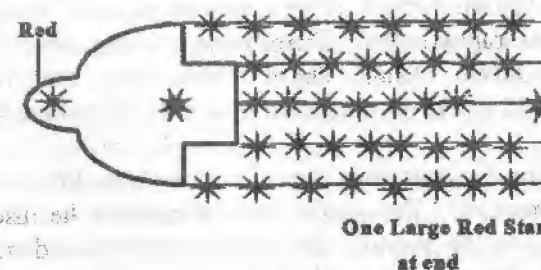


Figure 5: Hundu Moyo's description

Mrs C. Laing of Beatrice reported that several of her workers saw the object pass over. Plugie was scared and thought it was the end of the world. Robert thought it was the coming of Jesus.

Sarah Smit, of Darwendale, said that 10 of her farm workers thought it was fireworks from a plane arriving with the President of Ghana who was coming into Zimbabwe on that day. There were two very big lights in front and then two or three round lights at the side, with one light at the rear. It was a silvery colour like the stars, about 1½ Km long. Her 18-month old baby was very distressed by the flashing lights. There was a strong wind as the lights passed over.

One of the most interesting reports was the one produced by C.H. Alexander of Harare. Mr Alexander was with Civil Aviation for nearly five years, and is conversant with various types of aircraft. He has several Certificates and Diplomas regarding Fire Engineers and Fire Prevention and Control pertaining to aircraft.

On the 14th September, Mr Alexander was with a friend when they sighted what they felt was an aircraft in trouble. He said it was similar to a wide-bodied aircraft such as a Boeing 747 Jumbo. He says, 'There was a cluster of small white lights extending across the fuselage from one wing to the other; it was moving from N to S as if to land on Runway 06 at Harare Airport. There were no signs of aviation lights and there was *no* engine sound. The altitude was low: about 20 metres above tree-top level.' As the object moved away, they noticed an emission of bright sparks accompanied by streaks of spitting flame.

The sparks were disintegrating from the area above the fuselage and nearer to the cockpit. The sparks were continuous and trailing off towards the tail of the aircraft. Mr Alexander's impression was of a blast furnace as found in the smoke box of a steam locomotive having spark arrestors to restrict the large volume of sparks from escaping through the chimney. Puzzling was the sighting of a bright ball of fire in continuous flame on the left-wing engine.

Mr Alexander points out that, should an aircraft engine catch on fire, the plane will circle in close proximity to an airport runway after first decanting its entire fuel supply, with the engines switched off. The entire observation was for a period of five minutes. Mr Alexander was certain this was not a meteor as it flew in level flight during his sighting. He also feels that if it was the nose cone of a Russian satellite, it was certainly metallic and suggested that it was made of a) Duralamin, b) Alclad, c) Magnesium. These materials, he says, are used for skin surfaces.

A report from Brian Auchterlonie (20) of Newlands, Harare, said the bright light came out of the clouds at 70°, with two streaks coming out behind. It had a red tinge and a white tinge. It flew right overhead and had a flat base of a dull metallic grey.

Mukurawo Jonasi wrote an intriguing and speculative letter. He says: 'Some claimed that it might be a meteor. To my surprise, so-called scientists said it might be an American/Russian Spacecraft; are they not the ones who said the planet Jupiter will collide with another planet? My suggestion is that these are rubbles of stones that were scattered all over. These scientists must bear this in mind; they want to praise the Americans and Russians because of their advanced technology. To prove this I have some rough diagrams about the thing.'

Also people witnessed it going in different directions.

'In Dzivaresekwa (an outlying Harare suburb) we saw it going from NE-SE and in Mabelreign (another suburb) they saw it going in another direction, and people in Concession saw a different object from what we saw, here in Harare. So, I want to say this is harmless rubble that came from the collision that occurred in August and these did not fall on our planet Earth. I think they fell in the sea for us not to discover them.'

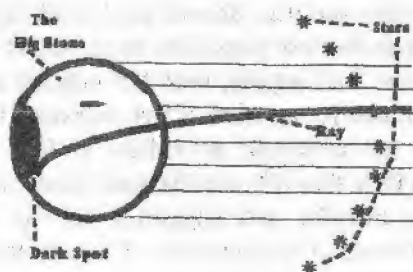


Figure 6: The Big Stone

NB. 'The ray did not pass through the stars as the big stone might have been producing a magnetic field to attract the stars.'

Numerous telephone calls reached me from Mutare, in the Eastern Highlands. Rachel Haye thought it was an aircraft about to crash. It was very low on the horizon, moving South to South-East over the mountains into Moçambique.

The two bright lights in front were white, changing to an orangey colour towards the back. It was enormous. Twenty witnesses watched it for several minutes:

Allan Dock of Mutare, verified what Mrs Haye had reported, but he thought it was a meteorite right from the beginning. He felt it was very big and very bright; it wasn't coming down, but moving towards Moçambique. It had a white glow with a glowing tail.

Mr Odorico, also of Mutare, thought it was a meteor breaking up. An incredibly bright white light fading into orange and red (West to East exact bearing). About 15° above the horizon, above tree-top level.

The incredible point to me is that although most of the reports are *similar*, it seems that the witnesses are viewing two or three different objects. The main sighting seems to be of a cone-shaped object; perhaps more than one large object, followed by numerous smaller lights like stars. On that particular night there was quite a bit of cumulus cloud about and the object was not seen until it came below the level of the cloud. At this position, the sky was clear, and the object quite brilliant.

At first, the astronomers were adamant that this was a 'spectacular meteorite shower', but this diagnosis was soon reviewed when Professor Nisbet reached England and visited the Royal Observatory near London. On the 26/27th August, the Russians sent up a satellite and the nose cone was jettisoned on the 14th September, its trajectory taking it over southern Africa. We have since heard that a piece of this came down over Karoi, north-west of Harare; and a second story to say that portions came down in a river in Chokwe, Moçambique.

At the same time, I have heard a report that one of the pilots at Air Zimbabwe said their Johannesburg-Bulawayo-Harare plane on the 14th September was about an hour late. Normally, the landing time is about 20:00 hours in Harare, so an hour later would bring it into line with the time the object was sighted.

My third conjecture, and I know it's one which will all too readily be dismissed by the majority, is that it was an unknown craft and not of our Earth. I know that whatever UFOs are, they seem to have an insatiable curiosity about what we are doing when it is something they do not understand. In the MUFON JOURNAL (Jan. 1989) there is a report of the testing of a dummy Atlas missile in 1964 near Big Sur on the Californian coast. The photographer (Bob Jacobs, Ph.D) set up a photographic unit at a vantage point where the missile could be tracked on 35 mm film. When he had finished the photography, he and his crew were satisfied that they had a good and clear shot of the missile. Jacobs took it to Vandenberg Air Force Base and the laboratory there.

Subsequently, he was sent for by Major Mansmann where they ran the film through for him. He watched the dummy warhead sailing along beautifully about 60 miles up in the sky, when suddenly an object flew into the frame from left to right. It manoeuvred around the missile (flying at 18 000 mph) and sent out four distinct flashes. The flashes were intense and caused the I.O. tube to form a halo around the spot. The shape of the object was similar to a UFO. Subsequently, the warhead malfunctioned and tumbled out of orbit. The Major made it clear that this matter should not be talked about to *anyone*. Jacobs decided to 'come out of the closet' about this incident in 1982.

I am convinced that there are many more incidents of such a nature and of which we are not aware. (I know of two others!)

The message from the aliens appears to be that we are destroying Earth and its environment and that this is laying us open to some considerable danger regarding the future of the Earth.

Dr. John Mack, of Cambridge Hospital attached to the Harvard Medical School, feels that we are part of an overall cosmic involvement and that the aliens, or whoever they are, cannot accept our destroying Earth, part of the overall cosmic picture.

Isn't it time we listened to what we are being told?

An addition to Case N° 50, AFRINEWS N° 8, September 1993

The two women in this case originally elected to be anonymous, but have since come out and told their story to several well-known persons, viz. Shirley MacLaine and Dr. John Mack. In future, we will refer to them by their real names, Phyllis (the mother) and Diane (the daughter).

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THE CHILDREN OF ARIEL SCHOOL

Case N° 96

Ruwa, Zimbabwe

Friday, September 16th, 1994, was a beautiful day. Clear and warm, with the sun bright in an intensely blue sky. By 10:00 a.m. it was becoming quite hot and when the children at Ariel Primary School were let out for their mid-morning break, they ran out shouting and calling to one another in the sheer joy of being free for at least half an hour.

The teachers were all in the staff-room for the weekly teachers meeting and the only other adult on the school premises was Mrs Alyson Kirkman, a physiotherapist, who was voluntarily running the Tuckshop. Shortly after 10:00, a few of the children noticed something strange. Beyond their playground, which was dotted with several clumps of trees, the rest being mostly cleared ground, there was a bush area. The ground there belonged to the school and although attempts had been made to clear and level it, it really was still rough land: long grass with thorn and other indigenous bushes, trees growing in higgledy-piggledy fashion, and undergrowth thick and heavy enough to hide a child should he venture there.

Besides which, no-one knew what dangerous small animals, such as snakes, jackals, unidentified spiders, scorpions, etc. might be lurking in the grass.

Mrs Kirkman told me that when the children came running into the Tuckshop, talking excitedly about 'a small man running around with a band around his head and a one-piece suit', she was totally sceptical. Perhaps, she said, they were trying to get her out of the Tuckshop where there were sweets, cakes and of course the Tuckshop money. She refused to leave the shop! Her child, Fifi (10), later told her that they had seen a small whitish object land about 100 metres from where she was. It glowed. It then came closer and had a sort of golden colour. Some of the children were hysterical.

In the meantime, out of the 250 children at the school, more than 60 were now witnesses to an extraordinary event. As they watched, they saw about three or four objects coming into the rough bush area. The light from the objects was so bright, it was difficult to discern a shape, although several of the children saw disc-like objects coming in along the power lines and finally landing in the rough, among the trees. There was one large object and two or three smaller ones. They could also hear a whirring noise and see a bright white, silverish light coming from the objects. The children were all a little bit afraid, although they were also curious.

Guy G. (11), one of the more articulate reporters, said, 'I was excited at first but then I saw one of the smaller boys crying and when I asked him why, he said he was afraid. Then I also became afraid.'

Tertia N. said the light was a golden, shiny object with a little light switching on and off. When she first saw it, it was like a pencil in the sky with a shiny light at the back. There were many descriptions, but Colin Mackie, the Headmaster, had the presence of mind to get all the children back into their classrooms, asking them to draw what they had seen. A fascinating array of drawings appeared and there were many differences in the craft. Most of the older (12-year-old) boys saw legs like tines dug into the ground; but in some cases they were more unusual. In one picture the legs were like spiders' legs, something which I had heard of several times in previous cases (See Megan Quezet Case, Mindalore, South Africa, in UFO AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS).

Where the drawings were most consistent were in the descriptions of the small entity the children had seen emerge from the craft.

He was approximately one metre tall, dressed in a shiny one-piece black suit similar to a wet suit. He had long black hair and a large head.¹ One girl interviewed by the SATV, said he had arms and legs like a human being, but his head was larger than a normal head.

Also, he had these big, black, slanting eyes.

One older girl (12) said she could not see very well, but the nose was small, and the mouth was a small, straight line. However, the eyes were very big and slanting (this was indicated with her hands forming an elongated O).

Guy G., illustrating the eyes, showed them low down on the cheeks, and slanting upwards, very large and dark. Guy, who was self-assured and the most articulate [of those interviewed], said he had just come out to the playground when he saw the children all swarming around at the bottom of the playground, so he ran down to see what was going on. He saw a craft in among the trees. He said it was striped black and green and pointed to his drawing of it. He then saw a small man (about one metre tall) get out and walk across the terrain parallel to the playground. He could see the little man was dressed in a black, shiny suit (like a skin diving suit); that he had long black hair and his eyes, which seemed lower on the cheek than our eyes, were large and elongated. The mouth was just a slit and the ears were hardly discernible.

The tragedy of Guy's story is that when he went home, neither of his parents, though admitting that he did not normally tell lies, would believe his story.

On one of the numerous videos made of the children and their descriptions of the event, Guy said, 'Well, if they don't believe me, there's nothing I can do about that, but I will keep it all inside of me.'

What a frightening indictment of our society that when we are confronted by something we don't understand, we don't even attempt to open our minds to the event. We merely discard it, totally, because it is not within our immediate awareness.

Barry D. told me he had seen the craft come into the school grounds along the electricity lines. For sometime now, researchers have been aware that these unidentified objects need to use our electricity and our water.² I did ask if there was a dam near the school and was told there was one, but it was almost dry (Zimbabwe has been beset with drought problems for the past few years and Ariel School, like many others, is in need of a better water supply).

Tertia N. said she and some friends had watched the object land and then it just vanished.

Barry D. said he had seen three objects flying over, with flashing red lights. They disappeared, and reappeared almost immediately, but somewhere else. This happened about three times. Then they came and landed near some gum trees; Barry said the main one was about the size of his thumb nail held at arm's length.

Some of the children saw a little man dressed in black appear on top of the large 'craft'. He was thin and skinny with a scrawny neck and eyes that were large and slanting. Barry said they were like rugby balls.

When all this happened, a very strong wind passed over them.

There is obviously a lot more to this incident than has been uncovered now and we will report further in UFO AFRINEWS N° 12.

This is an extremely interesting case as there are so many witnesses, and there is no doubt in my mind that what the children are saying is what they saw.

Even embellishments cannot alter the basis of what was seen that day in September 1994.

Remember, there's lots more to discuss and we would appreciate your questions, comments and contributions.

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Lynda Jones, during an abduction experience in June 1978, says: 'The beings, or whatever they were, seemed Oriental. They had slanted eyes, **very dark hair** and skin.' (p.171)

LIFE BEYOND PLANET EARTH by Janet and Colin Bord. Grafton (Harper-Collins), U.K. 1994.

Jesus Antunes, a security guard, saw some entities at Marimbonda in Brasil on 6th December 1978. They had **long black hair** and wore blue metallic overalls.

Contactee Truman Bethurum met up with a 'flying saucer' on 27th July 1952. The entities had olive skins and **dark hair** (p. 157). Later, Bethurum said he was told by the captain of the ship (a woman): '**Time and distance are of no concern to us**, and what you call time and distance is inconsequential in our lives.' (p. 157) Bethurum also says of the ship's Captain: 'On her **short black hair** which was curled up at the ends, she jauntily wore a neat black and red beret.' (p. 157)

Woodrow Derenberger saw entities in November 1966, with tanned skin and **dark hair**.

On 13th December 1973, Claude Vorilhon visited the extinct volcano of Puy de Lassoles near Clermont-Ferrand. He was about to leave when he saw a 'flying saucer' descending through the mist, landing close to him. A door opened and a small being (1.2 metres tall) got out. He was wearing a green one-piece suit and had **black hair and a beard**. His skin had a greenish tinge and he had elongated eyes. (p. 174)

- ² Importance of water. See UFO AFRINEWS N°. 4, pp 17-19 and N°. 8; pp 12-13.

THE VISIT OF JOHN MACK, M.D. TO AFRICA

We had heard from John Mack that he was proposing to make a trip to Africa, investigating the possibility of abductions there. We had assured him that there *were* some cases, although not in the context of the 200 he had been dealing with, but we did have Phyllis and Diane in Johannesburg, Bruce and Irene in Harare, and several others in various places.

What we did not promise was the tremendous importance of the contact case of the Ariel School children, so this was not only an added bonus, but an intriguing investigation exercise for John.

Dr John Mack is Professor of Psychiatry at Cambridge Hospital, the Medical School attached to Harvard University. He is also a writer: his most recent book being ABDUCTIONS, in which he lists and records 13 cases he has examined in depth with hypnotherapy. He won the Pulitzer prize for his biography of T.E. Lawrence (A PRINCE OF DISORDER) but when reading his book ABDUCTIONS, I realised he had a lot more publications to his credit as well, such as NIGHTMARES AND HUMAN CONFLICT, THE ALCHEMY OF SURVIVAL (with Rita Rogers), etc. etc.

Here then, is a man who is not only open-minded and prepared to listen, but an academic of some standing. And one who has risked his credibility with his colleagues to come out and say he believes the experiences of abductees are very real indeed.

When he arrived, it was a red-letter day for Zimbabwe, and earlier on, for South Africa too, where he had spoken and answered many questions on Radio 702 in Johannesburg. He had, far too briefly, been on AGENDA, a South African Television programme which followed the news, with Credo Mutwa (a famous African healer and Medicine Man, and an alleged contactee. He is also a writer, INDABA MY CHILDREN being one of his best known books).

Fortunately, in Zimbabwe there was more media time and John appeared on two radio and one TV programme. The response was tremendous: we had not previously had someone of his calibre here and he was both refreshing and highly informative. On Wednesday, 30th November 1994, he gave a talk at a local Sports Club, and we drew over 300 people when we had thought we would be lucky to have 150+. The questions put to him by the audience were mostly intelligent and discerning; I think, had time allowed, we would have been there all night!

John then spent two days at Ariel School in Ruwa with the children, aged from six to 12\13. He also spoke to the Headmaster, Colin Mackie, the teachers and some of the parents. These were days filled with exciting revelations for him and his fellow researcher, Dominique Callimanopulos. John was able to get through to parents and teachers and convince them that even if they did not believe the children, it was counter-productive to accuse them of lying. Listen and think about what they were saying, he advised. A suggestion which should be adopted by most sceptics. His particular interest in child psychiatry was also of great use during the questioning and many former hidden memories came to light, something John is sure to make public when he has had a chance to re-assess his interviewing.

For me particularly, it was a pleasure to speak to John and Dominique at such a high level. UFO investigators in places like Africa lead a rather lonely existence. I can count on my one hand those with whom I have a really stimulating rapport: parrying, thrusting, believing, disbelieving. Apart from my Asst. Editor, Maria Sullivan and investigator Gunter Hofer, there are few who are dedicated enough to quote cases, chapter and verse, time and place, the essential details of the whole subject.

When they left, on 7th December, John and Dominique left a void that is not easily fillable. But it was great while it lasted!

WATER: ITS SIGNIFICANCE TO UFOs

In UFO AFRINEWS N° 8 (September 1993) I mentioned a further case where UFOs searching for water occurred. And though this magazine is really a reporting on UFO incidents on the Continent of Africa, if I, or any of the investigators whom I respect and admire, come up with a case which will advance a theory I have in mind, I will certainly publish it in the magazine. In fact, the idea of the 'water connection' came from Paul Norman of VUFORS in Victoria, Australia, and he recently sent me a print-out of an Australian case which has a very definite tie-up with water.

This happened on 24th June, 1979.

Ron and Heather Moses checked their 13 000 gallon (52 000 litre) tank late one Saturday. It was full to within two inches of the top. The next day, it was bone dry. The plug was still in place. There was no sign of leakage and no tracks to suggest anyone had been near the tank.

Two days later, reports of flashing lights brought scores of reporters and UFO spotters to the area.

Heather said: "We never told of what happened to our water tank because my husband thought people would laugh. The only explanation I can think of, is that a UFO took it. I do believe in these things. There is no way that amount of water could disappear without trace. It could not have evaporated in that short space of time. If it had leaked out slowly, all of it could not have gone overnight. If it had rushed out, it would have left some signs on the ground. Ron is a good bushman but he could not find any tracks near the tank. We refilled it and it has been all right ever since." Heather added: "The reports of the blue flashing lights said they had gone right over our paddock."

AN EARLY UFO IN ZIMBABWE

Case N° 93

[We owe our thanks to Vic Forward and his Matabeleland UFO Research Group for this and one or two other reports.]

One evening in August, 1975, the R. family were returning from Harare and were on the road between Gweru and Selukwe - near Guinea Fowl School - and approximately 15 minutes from their destination, when suddenly one of the family drew everyone's attention to an unusual object in the sky.

They stopped the car and got out for a closer look. The object appeared to be round and was flashing blue and white rotating lights at the top and bottom, which the family described as the same effect as welding. The centre of the object had a dark line running through it which appeared to rotate in the opposite direction to the lights. As they watched, the object performed various manoeuvres: sometimes rising and then lowering, moving left to right and vice versa. At what was described as incredible speeds, without any warning, the silhouettes of three Vampire jets roared over their heads and seemed to be heading for the object. The family thought it strange that the aircraft had no lights but this could have been due to the war situation which was in existence at the time. The object then accelerated upwards at a tremendous speed and disappeared.

The family returned to the car and arrived home at about 19:49 hours when they prepared supper and soon afterwards, the children were put to bed. The parents subsequently discussed the event and agreed not to tell anyone else about it for fear of ridicule.

At about 22:00 hours, there was a loud banging on their front door. Mr R. went to see who it was and was confronted by two friends, Aubrey and Russell, who were visibly shaken and said they wanted to talk to him urgently.

After giving them some coffee to help them relax (during which time Russell excused himself and was violently sick in the bathroom), Mr R. asked them what the problem was.

Aubrey then related that they had left Gweru at about 21:00 hours and had taken the strip road, this being a short cut to Selukwe. On the way they had spotted a large blue light which seemed to be hovering in the trees. Aubrey described it as a large bubble with a skirt. It was giving off a high-pitched humming sound and he estimated its size to be about 150 ft (50 metres) in diameter. As they moved closer to the object, the car went dead. The object then moved away and the car came back to life.

They then decided to follow the object, whereupon the car went dead again.

On looking up, Aubrey was sure he saw a figure looking at them through what he thought was a window. He then said he sort of blinked and noticed the object had gone and his car lights were very dim.

On the drive into Selukwe they both felt very nauseous and sick, with Aubrey complaining of a severe pounding in his head.

The two friends stayed at Mr R.'s house until midnight, when they had calmed down sufficiently to continue home.

Mr R. is an amateur astronomer and has an extensive knowledge of the Universe and the sky at night. In fact, Aubrey used to call him 'the mad professor' because of his early morning trips with his telescope to go star-gazing.

Mr R. gave the impression that he had a very limited knowledge of the UFO subject, even to the Roswell case which he had never heard of. Aubrey was an electrician with Selukwe Mine at the time and is now in South Africa, whereabouts unknown.

However, his parents are still in Bulawayo and the UFO Group there are trying to trace the two men through Mr R.

At the time, both men refused to talk about the matter or report it for fear of ridicule.

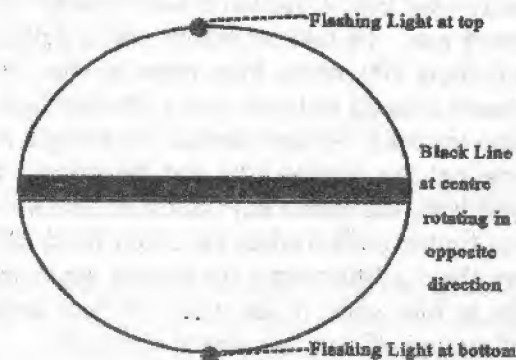


Figure 7: The 1975 UFO

AN APOLOGY

Dear Sir, I'm most awfully sorry,
You wrote to say I'd done you wrong!
I used your name without permission,
So hear my lament, a mournful song!
I'm on my knees, begging your pardon,
I'm an 'ignorant moron', you made it quite clear.
Never in future will I darken your garden,
From me, indeed, you've nothing to fear.
I wish you good-day, Sir, feeling quite hazy,
What have I done that's driven you crazy?

CAR-SHAPED UFO

Case N° 94

Report by Martin Chibanda from Kwe Kwe, Zimbabwe

Some time ago I had a chance to speak to a man, Jason, from Chegutu who saw a car in the bush which took off in front of his eyes. He does not recall exactly what time it was but it was certainly very early in the morning, before 4 a.m. He told me that he was at a place where there was a dirt road about 200 metres from where he was. From the road, he suddenly heard a sound and then saw a blinding light come out of the horizon onto the road. At first, he said, he thought it was a car or a heavy vehicle but the intense light and the mysterious, persistent rumble he could hear, was unlike any vehicle he had ever heard before. He said he was further baffled when the object lifted off the road and started darting about a little above the ground, seemingly among the few trees near to him, until it just took off with amazing velocity straight up and was out of sight in a matter of minutes.

He recalled seeing the object as large, streamlined and glowing in yellow light with a prominent blinding white light in its direction of movement. He mentioned that although the noise he heard was not very loud, it seemed to disturb the ground and caused tremors even when it was in the air. The rumbling, he said, persisted for a few seconds after the object was out of sight. According to Jason, he was right in front of it when it left the road. He was standing still because he had a tremendous shock. He was also afraid of what he had seen. He remained where he was until the object was out of sight. Some people told this man that he had seen 'visitors from the world of spirits', while others told him it was someone practising magic. I tried to explain to him about UFOs, but he had never heard of them and insisted that it was either a spirit or some magic.

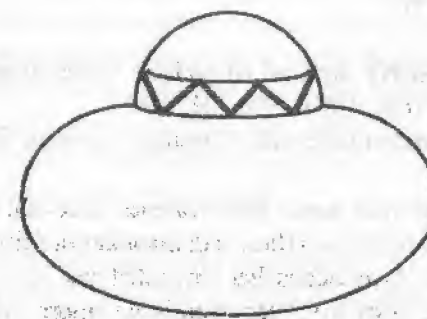


Figure 8: Drawing of Jason's sighting

The shape was rather blurred because of the brilliance of the light. It was large and in the general shape of a traditional African pot, with a white, lighted cap. I think this is what made Jason believe it was magic of some sort. He pointed out that the 'triangular' marks on the cap were darker than the other parts; the lower parts brighter and the cap itself was the source of the prominent light.

The noise Jason heard was a 'rumbling hum' when it was further away, and a blasting sound when closer.

[I thought at first that this might have been a ball of light, especially as Jason mentioned that 'the light appeared from the horizon', but then I cannot account for the noise and the vibration of the earth, nor the strange shape of the object. However, we are investigating further and should a ready solution come to hand, we will report further on this sighting. - Ed]

BOOK REVIEW

WITHOUT CONSENT, by Carl Nagaitis & Philip Mantle.

Ringpull Press Ltd, U.K. 1994. Price £16.99

Queensway Hse, London Rd South, Poynton, Cheshire SK12 1NJ.

This book was read with some ambivalence: after all, the top British ufologists for some time have been adamant about alien abductions. It was something the Americans had invented and because Americans were more gullible than the less emotional, more laid-back British, these sorts of things were not really applicable in the U.K. Or at least, this is the impression one gains at UFO conferences in the British Isles.

So, this book comes somewhat as a surprise!

For here, BUFORA member Philip Mantle and his co-author Carl Nagaitis, give full details of - hold your breath - abductions in Britain. It certainly makes us here at UFO AFRINEWS Headquarters feel better, for we too have been confronted by abduction experiences in the last few years and not quite sure whether we should stick with the critical disdain of our British cousins, or go along fully with our American allies.

Whatever else this book might show, it certainly does not go overboard. The case is clearly stated - some totally new, others quickly recognizable - then it is analysed in an extremely fair way, showing the pros and cons of each case, and yet not making any definitive statement as to what could have happened. In other words, 'it's up to you, mate, to make the final decision.'

One of the better cases was that of Philip Spencer (pseudonym), a former police constable, who took a short cut home over Ilkley Moor on a blustery, dull winter's morning. On top of a hill, he became aware of a humming sound and when he glanced about him, he saw a strange-looking 'green' creature some 16 metres (50 ft) away.

He could tell it wasn't human although it had two long arms, two legs and a head. With great presence of mind, Philip quickly took out his camera and photographed the creature. The picture, included among several illustrations, is not really all that clear, but being involved with Ufology, we know only too well how difficult it is to obtain clear pictures when reactions and photo-taking have to be done in a matter of moments, and traumatic ones at that!

Philip then chased the creature and was shocked to find a strange object at the base of a hollow, emitting the humming sound. It comprised two silver saucer-shaped discs, welded together. The humming then rose to a crescendo and the object shot straight into the clouds. Confused and not a little shaken, Philip cut short his journey and made for Ilkley. And then he saw the Town Hall clock! It was 10:00 a.m. when he felt it should have been no more than 08:15 -- what had happened to those one and three-quarter hours?

Subsequently, Philip underwent hypnosis and an abduction experience was recalled. We feel that hypnosis is all very well and many genuine contacts emerge, but there is no doubt also that it all arises from the subconscious memories sustained over a period of years and one event could easily be contaminated by another. Whilst not being against hypnosis (used freely by Budd Hopkins, Dr David Jacobs and Dr John Mack, and certainly prevalent throughout Raymond Fowler's *THE ALLAGASH ABDUCTIONS*), one has to treat this type of material with some caution. Too many ufologists accept hypnosis without question.

The Day family of Aveley is one of the better-known abduction cases; nevertheless, one needs reliable references (especially those who are researching) and the book details the story in an easily restrained manner. The interesting factor here, we believe, lies in the articulate way in which John Day reported on his experiences. He was not a well-educated man, and yet he could speak non-stop for 15-20 minutes when asked to do so by the interviewer.

This book also chronicles the usual events preceding a UFO experience: a strange light or noise, witnesses in isolated places, malfunction of one's vehicle, arriving in the craft (usually with no recollection of getting there), several aliens inside the craft, and then the examination and message.

This is not the first book to stress this, nor will it be the last. So how much more evidence is needed to prove that UFOs are consistent about their way of working; that the message of pending disaster continues to come through, that they are trying to tell us something which we cannot, or will not, hear?

How much longer before science will open its mind at least to LISTEN, and make an effort to find out what it is all about?

Cynthia Hind

Can You Just Imagine!

I tried to tell my brother,
My sister and my mother,
that here was something strange for them to hear!

I whispered to my father,
But knew that he would rather
go sailing with his friends, well filled with cheer.

I tried to grab a teacher,
Knowing I could reach her,
but she just smiled and turned away her face.

So tell me where to turn to,
When I know that science should learn to
accept the fact that I have travelled high in Space.

LETTERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

If you share my interest, you can write to me: John Robson, 2 Blackthorn Drive, Hayling Island, Hants PO11 9PA, England.

I have an avid interest in UFOs and the crop circle phenomena. I have lived in the South of England for the majority of my life and have had two UFO experiences and seen several crop circles. I am keen to correspond with people all round the world and to hear of their experiences.

From Daniel Salemane Ka-Matsinyane
Dept of Pleiadian Affairs
4789 Seochoareng St,
P O Mankurwane, Vergenoeg Residential Area,
Teemaneng 83445, South Africa.

I am an 18-year old male interested in Ufology. However, the sad side is that no-one is prepared to help me. In South Africa, some people, when you ask them about these extraterrestrials, they think you are somehow mad.

Me, however, believe that we are not the only living beings in the universe. Sometime, someone is asking this question. I believe in reborn aliens, strange objects, mysterious disappearances and close encounters.

Let us talk about this subject; let us not be afraid of what people will say.

From Brother K Alfred
Pragati Nagar,
Andhra Pradesh, India.

I have read about your activities with UFOs and your magazine UFO AFRINEWS. I shall be very thankful to you if you could kindly send me this little magazine. I am receiving the Newsletter 'Paths of Light', Editor Naomi Albright, and she told me about you in her Newsletter.

From V.O.B.U.R.
Muiden, NH Holland.

Last month we read in UFO Research Queensland, Australia, about your UFO AFRINEWS and we would really appreciate it if you would send us some more details about your organization and its activities.

We are interested in the results of your investigations and your opinion about UFOs.

[VOBUR is a free research bureau for UFO registration and is led by Mr J. Gort. We are willing to collect and select reports about UFOs and close encounters of different sorts (not occult) from all over the world.]

From Joan D.
San Francisco, USA.

It is my pleasure to be writing to you with regard to your fascinating book UFOS: AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS, pub. in 1982. The UFO cases covered in your book were not familiar to me at the time, but most intriguing was the story of Mrs Elizabeth Klarer.

Regarding the late Mrs Klarer: do you know the whereabouts of her daughter? Is the beautiful ring given to her by the ET still in existence? As for Edwin W. of Durban, do you know his status at present; is it possible for me to reach him?

From AURA,
Moscow, 117463, Russia.

I am pleased to hear you like our AURA-Z. Here is our latest issue enclosed and we look forward to reading UFO AFRINEWS.

From Sipho S.M.
All Arms Battle School, W.O's Mess,
Inyanga, Zimbabwe.

I saw your article about UFOs in the local newspapers. I want to know more about UFOs and why they exist. I await more information from you.

From Jochen K.
Rottenburg, Germany.

I am running a publishing house specialising in UFO literature and have published books written by Budd Hopkins, David M Jacobs and Stanton T Friedman, for example. I have decided to publish a new UFO-journal. I am ambitious to give this journal a high quality standard and report objectively on the UFO-phenomenon. This is why I would like to ask permission to print a paper you wrote in 1993.

From Marianna A.
14561 Kifissia, Athens, Greece.

We are interested in the subjects published in your magazine. Please send us a recent issue and a list of the back issues, if possible, and also information about the annual subscription and ways of payment.

From Tony W.
Eckholmsvagen 220
Stockholm, Sweden.

I found your address in Jenny Randles' NORTHERN NEWS and I was delighted that you also have a newspaper, so of course, having listened to you several times at conferences, it would be a pleasure to have your words of wisdom coming through my letterbox now and again.

(Now you know why some Editors blush!)

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At a recent meeting in Johannesburg, Phyllis said, 'I keep on having further recall, but not Diane. I know they came from Tyrone, a planet near the Pleiades, and I know we have visited there. They have escalators on the streets: like a moving walk-way which will take you where-ever you want to go.'

She also said 'they' asked if they could perform an operation on Diane on their planet and she agreed to this.

As you may recall from an earlier report (AFRINEWS N° 10) Diane suffered from haemolytic jaundice and after the two women returned from their abduction experience, there was no sign of the illness manifesting itself in Diane. Thus far she appears to be in excellent health

COMING UP IN THE NEXT ISSUE UFO AFRINEWS N° 12.

More news and in-depth study of the school children at Ariel School.

Analysis of the soil at the landing site, Ariel School.

A little more about amateur astronomy.

A poem or two - if we have the room!

And our recommendation of new books to read, and some magazines which are worth subscribing to.

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AQUARIAN BOOK CENTRE, Shop 3, The Galleria, Cradock Ave., Rosebank, Johannesburg, South Africa.

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UFO ENCOUNTER - Box 222, 50 Albert St., Brisbane QLD 4002. A\$25 per year.

UFO REPORTER - Box Q95, Queen Victoria Bldg, Sydney 2000. A\$20 per year.

CANADA:

UFORIC (Lorne Goldfader, Director). Dept 25 - 1665 Robson St. Vancouver, B.C., CANADA V6G 3C2.

DELVE - 18 Shetland St., Willowdale, Ontario, CANADA M2M 1X5.

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NORTHERN UFO NEWS - 37 Heathbank Rd., Cheadle Heath, Stockport, Cheshire SK3 0UP, U.K.

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ITALY:

NOTIZIARIO UFO - Piazza Campitelli No. 2, Roma, Italy.

UFO EXPRESS - Via Antonio Veneziano 120 - 90138, Palermo, Italy.

UFO - RIVISTA DI INFORMAZIONE UFOLOGICA, Casella Postale 82 - 10100 Torino, Italy.

UNITED STATES:

INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER - 2457 W. Peterson Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60659, U.S.A. US\$30 for 6 issues/year.

JUST CAUSE - Box 218, Coventry, CT 06238, U.S.A. US\$20 annually for foreign subscriptions.

MUFON UFO JOURNAL - 103 Oldtowne Rd, Seguin, TX 78155-4099, U.S.A. US\$30 for 13 issues/year.

PERCEPTIONS - Box 9019, Mail Station # 114, Lewisville, TX 78067, U.S.A. US\$24 for 12 issues/year.

RECOMMENDED NEW BOOKS

ABDUCTION by Dr. John E. Mack, M.D. at US\$22
Charles Scribners' Sons, New York, 1994.

WITHOUT CONSENT by Carl Nagaitis & Philip Mantle at £16.99
Ringpull Press Ltd., U.K., 1994

EARTH MEMORY by Paul Deveraux at £6.95
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CORRECTION

It has been drawn to our attention that in UFO AFRINEWS N° 9 we recommended as a magazine in Great Britain, UFO BRIGANTIA, with the address 1, Woodall Drive, Batley, Yorks, WF17 7SW. Apparently this magazine has not been published for more than a year now. Unfortunately, we were not aware of this, nor that the Editor, Andy Roberts, was out of ufology.

We do receive a large number of magazines as reciprocity for UFO AFRINEWS and as UFO magazines are often not regular publications, we here in Africa are not always aware when publication has ceased. Our thanks to Albert Budden, B.Ed., for this information.

IN CONCLUSION

This has been an exciting time for UFO AFRINEWS and those interested in UFOs in Southern Africa. Cynthia Hind spent 2 months in Cape Town and with the assistance of Pam Puxley, met and talked to several people who felt they had UFO experiences. Cynthia also spoke in Johannesburg to about 220 people, (with many turned away) and together with Maria Sullivan and Ken McKinnon of South Africa, had an interesting abduction interview. All these have been recorded and some will be used in our next issue, UFO AFRINEWS N° 12 (July 1995).

After a long period of time with only intermittent reports, they now seem to be coming in fast and furiously, not only in Africa, but from all over the world. One can only hope that something worth while will soon come to light.